

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 13-59**

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** October 18, 2013

**Subject:** **Update on Impact of a Temporary Suspension of Federal Government Services**

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**Purpose:** To notify local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of additional information about permissible uses of funds made available through the FY 2013 appropriations process. Since States have not yet received their full allotments due to the Federal government shutdown, guidance provide in [Training and Employment Notice No. 8-13, Change 1](#), dated October 16, 2013, is intended to answer questions about the use of these funds, once received.

**Background:** The Fiscal Year 2013 Federal budget expired at 11:59 on Monday, September 30, 2013. As of that date, States had received only the initial or base funding for PY 2013 (state Fiscal Year 2014). The remaining PY2013 funds, called “advance appropriations”, became available for obligation on October 1 to administer the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult and Dislocated Worker formula programs for the remainder of PY13. Due to the Federal government shutdown, ETA was unable to distribute these funds to the States.

**ETA began the process of distributing the October 1 allotment with their return to work on October 17, 2013.** During a conference call convened by ETA on October 18, the expectation was that ETA would complete that process by the end of the following week (around October 25, 2013).

Training and Employment Notice (TEN) No. 8-13, Change 1, provides questions and answers about the use of these funds (once received) for WIA activities provided on or after October 1, 2013.

**Action**

**Required:** Provide this information to all appropriate workforce development staff and partners.

**Reference:** Updates [MassWorkforce Issuance 13-55](#), Impact of a Temporary Suspension of Federal Government Services, dated October 1, 2013.

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